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(A Preliminary Report)

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12. A Census of Pipeline Construction Contractors, Oil and Gas Journal, Vol. 49, No. 20, September 21, 1950, pp. 188-9.

13. M/P memorandum for files, 15 April 1952, Subject: "Alberta-Vancouver Trans-Mountain Oil Pipeline."

14. M/P memorandum for record, 8 July 1952, Subject: "Petroleum Stocks in Iran."

15. M/P contribution to Project 110-51. Unpublished. Secret.

In terms of total steel requirements, 110-51 preliminary estimates place total annual input to the USSR oil industry for expansion and operation in the range of 650,000 to 1,000,000 metric tons per year. The Trans- Iranian pipeline program outlined in this report would require not over one-seventh of this minimum input, and would provide a non-declining source of petroleum products as compared with an average annual decline of at least 10 percent on crude oil sources within the USSR.

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following excerpts are quoted from this report.

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"2. I have heard much discussion about the possibility of the Soviets building a pipeline from Iranian oil fields to the Caspian Sea if they ever acquired military control of the Middle East. I think such construction is not only possible, but feasible. Of course, I know little of the technical competence of Soviet engineers in regard to pipe line construction, but I'm sure that, given men and materials, I could build such a line, making refined products from Abadan to the Caspian Sea in less than a year...."